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FOLLOWIN G REPEAT USUN 2590 ACTION SECSTATE  
CARACAS INFO BANGUI LONDON PARIS AUG 12.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2590

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY VANCE

CARACAS PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PINS, CT

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF MICHAEL GODLSMITH

1. LATE AUGUST 12, A REPRESENTATIVE OF CENTRAL AFRICAN  
MISSION INFORMED USUN THAT MICHAEL GOLDSMITH WAS FREE TO  
LEAVE BANGUI "TODAY". HE GAVE US A COPY OF A TELEGRAM FOR  
EMPEROR BOKASSA TO MRS. GOLDSMITH AND ASKED THAT WE PASS THE  
GIST TO HER. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER MRS. GOLDSMITH HAS  
RECEIVED THE TELEGRAM OR THE MESSAGE THROUGH ANY OTHER CHANNEL.

2. WE IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED ASSOCIATED PRES (SAM BOYLE) IN  
ORDER TO GET WORD TO KEITH FULLER AND MRS. GOLDSMITH.

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3. IF BANGUI PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, AMBASSADOR YOUNG MAY  
WISH TO SEND MESSAGE OF THANKS TO EMPEROR BOKASSA FOR HEED-  
ING APPEALS OF FAMILY. YOUNG MAY ALSO WISH TO SEND  
MESSAGE OF THANKS TO CENTRAL AFRICAN AMB JEAN-ARTHUR BANDIO  
FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN COMMUNICATING WITH EMPEROR.  
SUGGEST, ALSO, THAT PRESS COVERAGE BE KEPT  
TO MINIMUM; EMPEROR'S TELEGRAM STRESSED THE DELICATE AND

EXTRAORDINARY NATURE OF GOLDSMITH'S RELEASE.

4. FULL TEXT OF TELEGRAM (IN FRENCH) FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.  
DEPARTMENT AND BANGUI PLEASE NOTE REFERENCE TO DOCUMENTS  
BELONGING TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY BANGUI.  
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